

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Government Operations and the Environment
Committee of the Whole

Notice of Joint Public Hearing

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

REVISED

Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chair
Committee on Government Operations and the Environment
and
Chairman Vincent C. Gray, Chair
Committee of the Whole

Announce

A Joint Public Hearing on

Bill 18-564, the "Healthy Schools Act of 2009"

March 26, 2010

11:00 AM

Room 500

John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, and Chairman Vincent C. Gray, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, will hold a joint public hearing on Bill 18-564, the Healthy Schools Act of 2009. The joint public hearing will begin at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 26, 2010 in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. **This hearing notice has been revised to reflect a new time and date due to inclement weather.**

The purpose of the bill, as introduced, is to improve the nutrition, health, and wellness of our public school students. Specifically, this bill would (1) raise school nutritional requirements to meet national standards; (2) establish a farm-to-school program in the District of Columbia; (3) address the youth obesity epidemic by increasing physical activity; (4) promote recycling, composting, clean air, green schools, and school gardens; (5) improve school wellness, asthma treatment, and allergy management; and (6) reconstitute an existing body as a Healthy Youth and Schools Commission to create long-term solutions. A revised draft of the bill is available in the office of the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment.

Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Ms. Aukima Benjamin, staff assistant to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, at 724-8062, or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. If possible, witnesses should submit a copy of their testimony in advance of the hearing to abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Witnesses will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20004. The record will close at the end of the business day on April 2, 2010.

Council of the District of Columbia Committee of the Whole Notice of Public Hearing

John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20004

Abbreviated Notice

**CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**BILL 18-511, "OFFICE OF ZONING INDEPENDENCE
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2010"**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010, 3:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill 18-511, the "Office of Zoning Independence Amendment Act of 2010." The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The hearing will be held in conjunction with the Committee's oversight hearing on the performance and expenditures of the Office of Zoning during FY 2009 and FY 2010 to date. Abbreviated notice is being provided to allow consideration of this measure within a timely manner.

Bill 18-511, introduced by Chairman Gray, would amend the Office of Zoning Independence Act of 1990 to require the appointment of the Director of the Office of Zoning ("OZ") to be subject to the advice and consent of the Council, to establish a term of office for the OZ Director, and to provide that an OZ Director may holdover for no more than 180 days after the expiration of his or her term.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are asked to telephone Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at 724-8196, or send e-mail to alatta@dccouncil.us, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Monday, February 22, 2010. They should also bring with them 20 copies of their written testimony or submit one copy of their written testimony by Monday, February 22, 2010. Persons presenting testimony may be limited to 3 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

Written statements for the record are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. Copies of Bill 18-511 may be obtained from the Legislative Services Division of the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 2, 724-8050, or from the Council's website at www.dccouncil.us.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Finance and Revenue
Notice of Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**Bill 18-518, the "Home Improvement and Age-In-Place Incentive Act of 2009";
Bill 18-524, the "Clean Hands Amendment Act of 2009";
Bill 18-599, the "Clean Hands and BID Empowerment Amendment Act of 2009";
PR 18-680, the "Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals for the District of
Columbia Charles Mayo Confirmation Resolution of 2010"; and
Bill 18-530, the "Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Establishment Act of 2009".**

**Thursday, February 18, 2010 – 10:30 a.m.
Room 123 - John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jack Evans, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, announces a public hearing to be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 18-518, the "Home Improvement and Age-In-Place Incentive Act of 2009", was introduced by Councilmembers Muriel Thomas and Harry Thomas, Jr., and would amend section 47-829 of the District of Columbia Official Code to preclude a mid-year reassessment of residential real property after a home improvement, addition, or renovation has been made, regardless of the dollar value of those improvements.

Bill 18-524, the "Clean Hands Amendment Act of 2009", was introduced by Councilmember Jack Evans and would prohibit the issuance of a license or permit to an applicant who has not filed a required District tax return.

Bill 18-599, the "Clean Hands and BID Empowerment Amendment Act of 2009", was introduced by Councilmembers Jack Evans and Jim Graham, and 4 cosponsors, and would prohibit the issuance of a license or permit to an applicant who has not paid Business Improvement District taxes as required by law.

PR 18-680, the "Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals for the District of Columbia Charles Mayo Confirmation Resolution of 2010", was introduced by Chairman Gray at the request of the Mayor and would reconfirm Mr. Mayo, a Ward 3 resident, to a position on the Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals for a term to end for a term to end April 30,

2012.

Bill 18-530, the "Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Establishment Act of 2009", was introduced by Chairman Vincent Gray and Councilmember Jack Evans, and 5 cosponsors, and would abolish the current Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals and replace it with a professional Board to be known as the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission, consisting of twelve paid Commissioners.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the public hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Sarina Loy, Committee Assistant at (202) 724-8058 or sloy@dccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization by the close of business on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. The Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to sloy@dccouncil.us or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia; 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Suite 114; Washington D.C. 20004. This notice is abbreviated in order to provide timely notice to the public.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Human Services
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 117, Washington, D.C. 20004

Revised

**THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
TOMMY WELLS, CHAIR**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

BILL 18-0547, THE "ADOPTION REFORM AMENDMENT ACT OF 2009"

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010 – 2:00 P.M.

**THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
HEARING ROOM 412
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chair of the Committee on Human Services, announces the rescheduling of a Public Hearing on Bill 18-0547, the "Adoption Reform Amendment Act of 2009." The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 2 p.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. **This revised hearing notice reflects a change in the date, time and room number of the hearing from Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 500 to Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 2 p.m. in Room 412.**

The purpose of this hearing is to address Bill 18-0547, the "Adoption Reform Amendment Act of 2009," the purpose of which is to provide for an post adoption contact agreement between an adoptive parent and the birth parent; to amend An act to regulate the placing of children in family homes, and for other purposes to clarify the definition of a child placement agency, to replace the obsolete reference to the Department of Human Services and replace it with the Department of Health, and to establish a sliding fee scale for adoptions; to amend the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977 to establish the Volunteer Adoption Registry; to establish the Voluntary Adoption Registry fund; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code to clarify the recognition of the foreign adoption process; to amend An Act To provide for the Care of Dependent Children in the District of Columbia and to Create a Board of Children's Guardians and Chapter 23 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Code to extend subsidies for a child from 18 years of age to 21 years of age beginning in fiscal year 2010; and to amend the Vital Records Act of 1981 to clarify the procedure for issuing a new certificate of birth for an adoptee born outside of the United States.

Those who wish to testify should contact Ms. Vivian McCarter of the Committee on Human Services by e-mail at vmccarter@dccouncil.us or by telephone at (202) 724-8191 no later than Wednesday, March 3, 2010. E-mail contacts to Ms. McCarter should include the full name, title, and affiliation -- if applicable -- of the person(s) testifying. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. All public witnesses will be allowed a maximum

of three (3) minutes for oral presentation. **If you were scheduled to testify on the hearing's original date of February 10, 2010, your name will be automatically transferred to the witness list for March 4, 2010. Please contact Ms. McCarter if you are no longer available.**

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Human Services, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 117, Washington, D.C. 20004 by no later than Wednesday, March 11, 2010, when the record will be closed.

Council of the District of Columbia Committee of the Whole Notice of Public Oversight Hearing

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, DC 20004

ABBREVIATED NOTICE

CHAIRMAN VINCENT C. GRAY ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON

FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET SPENDING PRESSURES

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010, 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE N.W.**

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray announces a public oversight hearing by the Committee of the Whole on the Fiscal Year 2010 budget spending pressures on Friday, February 19, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. At this hearing, District government officials will brief the Council and public on the Fiscal Year 2010 budget spending pressures that have been identified by the Chief Financial Officer, and on the Mayor's gap-closing plan. An abbreviated notice is given in order to address the gap-closing plan as soon as possible.

Testimony at this oversight hearing will be limited to government officials. The public will have an opportunity to testify on the Fiscal Year 2010 budget spending pressures and the gap-closing plan during the Council's scheduled agency performance oversight hearings scheduled February 17, 2010 through March 19, 2010. Chairman Gray will co-chair this hearing with the Council Committee Chairpersons with oversight purview for the District agencies and programs experiencing budget spending pressures. The agenda for the oversight hearing will be as follows:

- I. Overview
- II. Non-Public Tuition and Special Education Transportation
- III. Department of Corrections and Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department
- IV. Child and Family Services Agency and Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services
- V. Department of Health Care Finance and Department of Mental Health
- VI. Fixed Cost
- VII. Disability Compensation Fund; Settlements and Judgments; Office of the Chief Technology Officer; and Unemployment Compensation Fund.

Council of the District of Columbia

Committee Of the Whole

Subcommittee on Taxicabs

Notice of Public Roundtable

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

REVISED**COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL A. BROWN, CHAIR
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAXICABS****Announces a Public Roundtable On****PR18-0662: District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Paul Cohn Confirmation
Resolution of 2009****PR18-0663: District of Columbia Taxicab Commission I. Raj Pahwa Confirmation
Resolution of 2009****PR18-0664: District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Ralph Burns Confirmation
Resolution of 2009****On****Monday, March 1, 2010****1:00 p.m.****Room 120****1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW****Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Michael A. Brown, Chair of the Subcommittee on Taxicabs, announces a Public Roundtable on PR18-0662 "District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Paul Cohn Confirmation Resolution of 2009"; PR18-0663 "District of Columbia Taxicab Commission I. Raj Pahwa Confirmation Resolution of 2009"; PR18-0664 "District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Ralph Burns Confirmation Resolution of 2009". The roundtable will be held on **March 1, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., in Room 120**, of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. **This hearing notice has been revised to reflect a new time, date, and location.**

The purpose of the roundtable is to hear testimony about the Executive's nomination of Paul Cohn, I. Raj Pahwa, and Ralph Burns as Commissioners of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission. The mission of the DC Taxicab Commission is to provide the citizens of the District of Columbia and its visitors a safe, comfortable,

efficient and affordable taxicab experience in well-equipped vehicles operated by highly qualified individuals who have knowledge of the District's streets, boundaries, history and tourist destinations, as well as the basic tenets of high quality customer service.

Members of the public are invited to testify. Testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per witness. Those wishing to testify should contact Ms. Brittney Madison of the Office of Councilmember Michael A. Brown via email at bmadison@dccouncil.us, or by phone at (202) 654-6421, by Friday, February 26, 2010. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

Members of the public may submit written testimony which will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5, Washington, DC 20004, no later than 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2010.